

# Dashboard Program Review Document



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## ■ Dashboard Program Overview

- Department/Agency Statuses
- Additional Software Needed



# The Dashboard Program has 6 primary objectives that will be achieved through a specific plan of action



■ Primary

## Dashboard Program objectives

- 1 Increase operational efficiency
- 2 Eliminate wasteful and unnecessary spending
- 3 Identify opportunities for increasing revenue
- 4 Address inadequate service offerings
- 5 Improve communication and transparency
- 6 **Significantly improve quality of services**

## Dashboard Program “Plan of Action”

- 1 Establish deep understanding of department functions, operations, capacities, and abilities
- 2 Gather and record sufficient<sup>1</sup> data on all department operations and activities
- 3 Create an automated, systematic data recording and analysis tool<sup>2</sup>
- 4 Collaborate with directors and other personnel in taking responsibility for Dept./Agency actions
- 5 **Revise strategy through comprehensive analysis of Dashboard Program data**

1: Some departments and agencies have previously collect some data but this data often does not contain enough richness (detail and depth) to allow for sufficient analysis

2: Currently excel based models that provide a mechanism to analyze data sets

# Each Jersey City Department/Agency has an independent Dashboard Program “Tool”



## Sample view of a Dashboard Tool

City of Jersey City

Mayor Fulop's Data Dashboard v2.0

FIRE DEPARTMENT (FDJC)

Prepared By:					Week:	
Approved By:					Week #:	
LAST MODIFIED:						

Service Calls	Battalion 1		Battalion 2		Battalion 3	
	Calls	Units	Calls	Units	Calls	Units
Private Dwellings						
Apartments						
Hotels and Motels						
All Other Residential						
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL						
Public Assembly						
Schools and Colleges						
Health Care and Penal Institutions						
Stores and Offices						
Industry, Utility, Defense, Labs, Manuf.						
Storage in Structures						
Other Structures						
TOTAL STRUCTURE FIRES						
Highway vehicles						
Other Vehicles						
Outside of Structures with value, not vehic.						
Brush, Grass, Wildland, (No Value)						
Rubbish, Dumpsters (No Value)						
All Other Fires						
TOTAL FIRES						
Emergency Medical Responses						
Other Rescue						
Hazardous Materials						
Other HazMat Responses						

## Tool overview

- Currently based in Excel<sup>1</sup>
- Working document created in-house
- Heavily customized for each department
- Utilizes department reported data
- Updated by department personnel<sup>2</sup>

To minimize manual data entry, we are looking for automated exports from existing data systems

## Tool data contents

- Weekly/monthly department activity log
- Quarterly equipment inventory
- Quarterly personnel records<sup>3</sup>
- Productivity analysis
- Geographic breakdown (ward, zone, etc.)

- 1: Allows for ease of high-frequency editing while in planning phases; software based system is long term goal
- 2: Inventory and personnel data updated quarterly; some departments may only require monthly reporting; up to 2 additional team members (in addition to department/agency directors) have been designated to collect data for dashboards
- 2: City departments will utilize payroll system for personnel analysis



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# The Dashboard Program will lead to better public visibility and accountability of Jersey City services

## Sample Dashboard Program outputs

### Edmonton, Canada Open Data Catalogue



### Baltimore CitiStat



### Sample event map<sup>1</sup>



1:First 250 JCPD service calls, June 1 2013 (provided as an example of "geo-locating" of events and not intended to show any analysis)

SOURCE: Batchgeo.com; data.baltimorecity.gov; <https://data.edmonton.ca/dashboard>

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# Most Jersey City Departments and Autonomous Agencies have not previously utilized a sufficient system for data recording and analysis

## Status before Dashboard Program

	Previously collected sufficient data	Utilize satisfactory data collection software/system <sup>1</sup>	Previously used data to drive decision making
City Dept.			
Auton. Agency			
Dept. @City Hall			
DPW			
Law			
Recreation			
HHS			
Police			
Fire			
HEDC			
OEM			
EDC			
Housing			
JCIA			
MUA			
Parking			
Library			
Redevelopment			
RRC			
BA			

## Sample initial challenges (*not exhaustive*)

- Fire Dept. and Parking Authority can only create **paper copies of reports** (must print out and then manually type into excel)
- Department of Recreation did not have a centralized file containing all participants or have standardized attendance procedures
- OEM had **not yet performed a full inventory**
- Many departments **never recorded** a wide variety of department operations and functions
- Microsoft Excel and other electronic data recording tools are vastly underutilized by most departments<sup>2</sup>, and some instead have been using **note cards, notebooks, etc.**

**Despite data collection challenges, Directors see the long term value in this program and feedback has been positive**

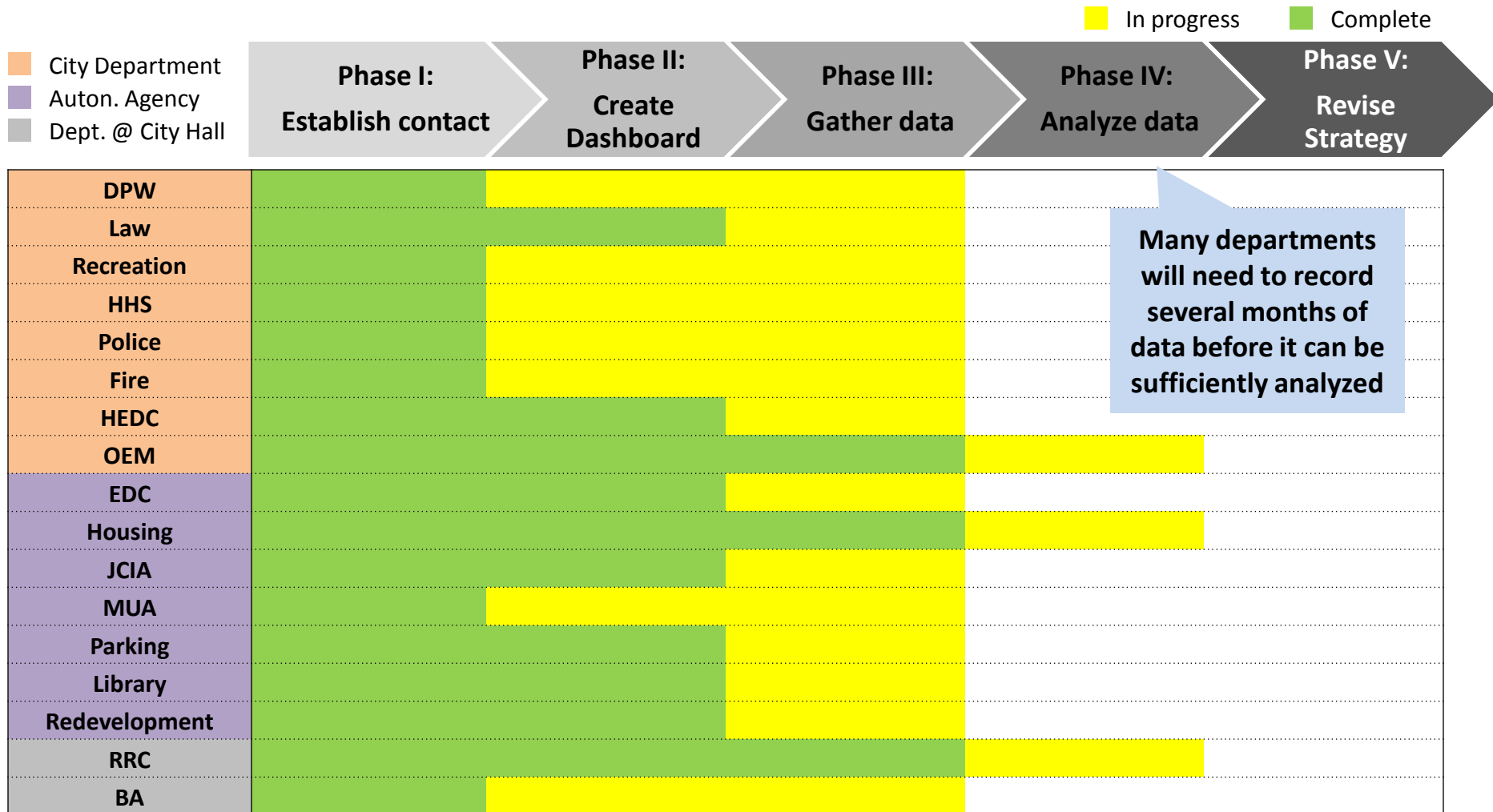
1: While some departments have collected data, some of this data is not readily available for export/analysis

2: Many Jersey City personnel do not have sufficient training in using Excel and some computers do not even have this program installed

# 10 of 17 Departments/Agencies have finalized Dashboard templates, and 3 have submitted sufficient data



## Department progress



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# Two main Dashboard groups will result in two types of Dashboard outputs

## Event/project/attendance based

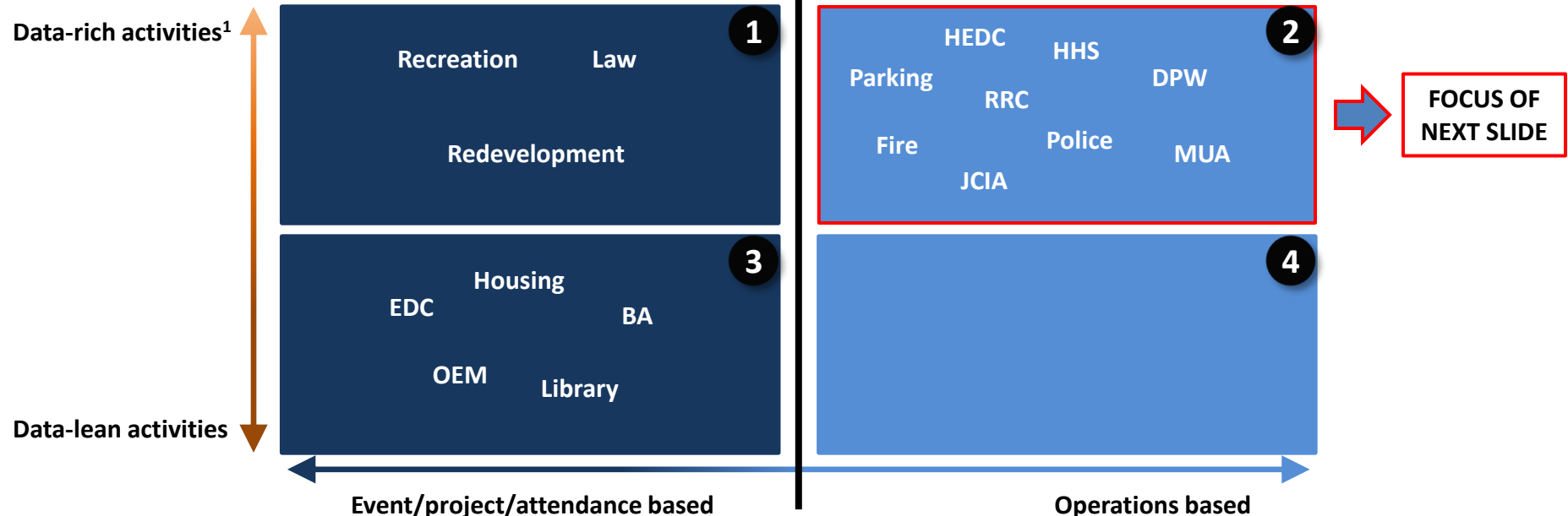
- Activities are primarily ongoing, long-term projects/events
- Data collection focused on updating project/event statuses (i.e. number of projects/events, attendees/users, etc.)
- Some activities may not have a strategy that can be revised

These Dashboards will serve to record events and projects, functioning primarily as a source of information and to communicate activity summaries

## Operations based

- Wide variety of short-term operations
- High frequency and shorter relative turnaround time activities
- Data collection requires “in the field” and real-time recording, utilizing considerable amounts of time/resources

These Dashboards will provide deep analysis of data leading to significant insight and opportunities to realign strategy



1: Each activity requires recording a long list of data points: i.e. address, time, manpower, type of incident, length of incident, resources , etc.



# Data-rich, operations based activities will benefit from customized software capable of recording data in real-time and “in the field”

## Manual data entry using excel is creating a massive personnel capacity burden

- Data-rich, operations based activities require recording of a long list of data points for every activity
- Most of these activities occur frequently, exponentially increasing time required to input data
- Traditional Dashboards using excel would require personnel to “return to base” and fill out paperwork after work is completed (or use a dispatcher dedicated to data entry as with JCMUA)

## Efficiency increases if data recording occurs within normal workflow process

- Available software can record all data “in the field” and in real-time, reducing time spent on data recording and time from activity completion to activity data recording
- Data recording that occurs within normal workflow will allow reallocation of data entry resources

## Real-time and “in the field” data recording minimizes human error

- Accuracy no longer relies on manual data recording systems (i.e. human memory, copying from one source to another, etc.)
- Automated data logging will be able to capture more granular data on activities

## Data analysis will be available to a larger audience at a faster rate

- Analyses no longer require the submission of a report/data file as data is available immediately<sup>1</sup>
- Analyses can update “on the fly” using real-time data
- Analyses not dependent on manual calculations in excel
- All users can create and/or view automated analyses

1: The most common type of delay experienced so far (locating late/missing data)



# We are asking the City Council to help us purchase additional software to improve Dashboard Program functionality

## Necessary software requirements

### Data recording capabilities

- Full functionality **“In the field”**
- **Real time** data uploads
- **Within** normal department **workflow**
- **Asset mapping** (i.e. fire hydrants, sewer lines, trees, etc.)
- Produces **instantaneous analyses** to be viewed by Mayor’s staff and/or the public

### Additional features needed

- **Automated geocoding** (location mapping) of operations
- **Interface with GovQA** (request completion notification)
- **Allows for seamless data sharing between departments** (i.e. Fire Dept. can view building code inspections en route to emergency)

### Applicable departments<sup>1</sup>

- HEDC (in progress)
- DPW/JCIA(priority)
- HHS (priority)
- Police
- Parking
- FIRE
- MUA

1: Not applicable to event/project based departments; the RRC already utilizes sufficient software; Parking still in discussions over feasibility with State mandated software programs

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